**Committee to study the entry of Foreign TV and Radio**

1019. SHRJ T. VENKA fRAM REDDY : Will the- Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to slate :

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to study the entry of foreign TV and Radio in India; and

(b) if so, the composition, terms, reference and other details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY Of NFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING (SHR! K. P. SlNGH DEO) : fa) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Telecast of Regional Programmes**

1020. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDI': Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROAD CASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether telecast of the region programmes on Doordarshan has been increased; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to telecast them throughout India and abroad *]*

THF MINISTER OF STATE OF THF MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIK. P. SlNGH DEO): *(a)* *Yes, Sir.

(b) Tbe programmes of the regional language satellite channels can be viewed in all parts of *the* country with the help of an appropriate dish-antenna.

**Availability of Doordarshan Programme in Middle East**

1021. SHRl T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan is making any efforts to reach Indian population presently living in the Middle East; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the revenue likely to be earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Doordarshan is considering to introduce a 3 hours service in the morning from Monday to Friday primarily targetted to non-resident Indians living in the Midde East and other parts of Asia. The proposed service wiH consist of news, music, serials, film based programmes etc. Since the proposal is stil/ in its formative stage, the details of the revenue likely to be earned cannot be indicated at present.

**Discootir uation of 'World this Week"**

1022. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: WiH the Mini;ter of IN FORMATION AND BROADCAS TING be pleased to Staie.

(a) whether there is any proposal to discontinue telecasting of programme oi Hed 'World This Week';

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are aware that this programme telecast for the last year was very popular;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to launch any new programme in its place; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MJINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI IL P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (e) Tlie programme "The World This Week" was a popular programme and has been telecast for over five years in its current form. A new forming of the same is under consideration so as to provide the viewers with new and improved programming.

**Urdu News Telecast in Karnataka**

1023. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have introduced Urdu News Bulletin over Doordarshan in Karnataka recently;

(b) whether on the introduction *of* the Urdu News Bulletin, violence broke out in that State;

(c) if ;o, the reasons for introducing Urd..: News Bulletin over Doordarj'ii : ' i Karnataka;

(d) the step* takei to withdraw the same;

(e) is there any proposal to introduce News Bulletin in Punjabi over Delhi Doordarshan; and

(f) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The decision to commence telecast of the Urdu News Bulletin from Doordarshan Kendra, Bangalore from Oct., 2, 1994 was based on requests received from different quarters since 1993, and in pursuance of Govt.' policy of poDularising Urdu.

(d) The telecast of the said news bulletin was suspended on Oct. 9, 1994.

(e) and (f) Doordarshan has no proposals at present, due to constraints of manpower, hardware, transmission tim; etc.

**Setting up of New Transmitters in Maharashtra and Gujarat**

1024 SHARIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of ongoing Doordarshan and All India Radio Centres' projects, pertaining to set-up of new transmitters in the State of Gujarat and Maharashtra respectively as on 30th June, 1994, district-wise;

(b) what is the number of those projects out of this which are lagging behind their original time schedule;

(c) whether the cost of these projects has been exalated due to delay in their execution;

(d) if so, what is the amount of this escalation;

(e) what is the number of projects out of them which arc being executed with assistance from foreign financial institutions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) As in statement *(See* below).